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FOR ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 029255

1. PENDING ASSIGNMENT OF NEW POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COUNSELORS TO DELHI, I AM ASKING DCM SCHNEIDER, ASSISTED BY ECONOMIC OFFICER RICHARD HINES AND POLITICAL OFFICER JOHN VOUGHT, TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS IN THE EMBASSY. WE ENTIRELY AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY OF ATTACHING GREATER IMPORTANCE TO MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE INDIA MAY BE OF SOME CONSEQUENCE TO US PARTICULARLY ON MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AS ITS INTERESTS DIFFER IN SOME REGARDS FROM THOSE OF THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE 77. OF COURSE, OUR INFLUENCE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE OVERALL STATE OF OUR RELATIONS.

2. WE MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR PLANS TO KEEP US INFORMED OF US MULTILATERAL POLICY AND WE WILL GET TO YOU WHATEVER WE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT INDIAN ACTIVITIES AND ATTITUDES. AS WE HAVE SAID IN ANOTHER MESSAGE, HOWEVER, WE FIND IT HELPFUL TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INDIANS TO HAVE REPORTS ON THEIR CONDUCT AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE BELIEVE BUT ARE NOT SURE THAT THE INDIANS HAVE BEEN MODERATE AND PERHAPS EVEN HELPTUL AT THE PARIS MEETINGS.

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